# South Dakota General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity

You currently have an exemption from permitting under South Dakota's General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity for one or more of your facilities. I am writing to let you know we are planning to move forward with reissuing this general permit and let you know the next steps.

#### Renewing the No Exposure Certification

If you still do not have any materials or operations exposed to storm water, you remain qualified for the exemption from storm water permitting for your industrial activities. However, we need to have you certify your operation remains exempt. I have enclosed a short version of the No Exposure Certification form, which you are required to fill out each time the permit is renewed. The form must be filled out and submitted by **July 31, 2012** to renew your No Exposure Certification. If you require instructions for the form, the full form is available at:

### http://denr.sd.gov/des/sw/eforms/D1745V1-NoExposeStorm.pdf

However, the General Permit coverage is required if you do have operations, raw materials, or materials not intended for outdoor use exposed to storm water. If you meet the requirements for permitting, you can obtain the Notice of Intent form on our website:

## http://denr.sd.gov/des/sw/eforms/D0488V1-StormWaterIndNOI.pdf

Please note, we **must** receive either the Notice of Intent form to receive coverage under the new General Permit, or the No Exposure Certification Form to renew the permit exemption. **Your current permit exemption will end once we issue the new General Permit.** 

#### Informal Comment Period

When the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issues a new permit, we must invite public comment for at least 30 days. We are planning to public notice this general permit in several daily newspapers across the state around July 1, 2012. If you would be interested in reviewing the draft General Permit DENR will be accepting informal comments on this permit until **June 14**, **2012**. We have posted a draft copy of the new General Permit on our website at:

# http://denr.sd.gov/des/sw/SWIndustrialActivitiesPermitPN.aspx

#### Public Meetings

In addition to posting the draft General Permit on our website, we are hosting a series of meetings around the state to present information about the permit. Here is the schedule of meetings:

Pierre	May 21, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. CST	Matthew Training Center – Joe Foss Building 650 E. Capitol Ave
Rapid City	May 25, 2012 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. MST	Rapid City School District Building 300 6th Street

Sioux Falls	May 29, 2012 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	Morningside Community Center 2400 S Bahnson Avenue
Watertown	May 30, 2012 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST	Community Room at the Public Library 160 6 <sup>th</sup> Street NE

There will also be a Dakota Digital Network Video meeting on May 23 from 2-4 CST, at the following locations:

Aberdeen	NSU Library 117	
	1200 South Jay Street	<u> </u>
Brookings	SDSU Room SPC203	
	101 Pugsley Center	
Mitchell	MTI Room TC155	
	1800 E Spruce	
Spearfish	BHSU Library 011	
	1200 University Station	
Vermillion	USD room OM 204	
	Old Main RM 204	

During these meetings, we will be answering questions and taking informal comments on the draft General Permit. I would like to invite you to attend one of these meetings if you would like to obtain more information about the new permit.

#### Summary

Let me summarize the information I have presented here:

- We are about to reissue the General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity and we are holding public information meetings about the new General Permit.
- The new permit will be officially offered for public comment on July 1, 2012.
- To renew your No Exposure Certification, you must submit the enclosed Reauthorization form by July 31, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (605) 773-3351 or anthony.mueske@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: No Exposure Certification Form